

PATENT APPLICATION

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Shoichi KOYAMA, et al.)	C			
Application No.: 10/664,888	;)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned			
Filed: September 22, 2003)				
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD FOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, DEVELOPING APPARATUS, AND MEMORY MEDIUM	; ;) ;	November 17, 2003			

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that <u>no</u> Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 5-6092, 7-140776, and 2001-318566 are discussed

at least at page 2, line 23 through page 3, line 13 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,649,264 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese

Patent Document No. 7-140776.

Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-228698 is discussed at least at page 3, line 14

through page 4, line 23 of the specification.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such

information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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	5-6092	01/14/93	Japan			No
	7-140776	06/02/95	Japan			Abstract
	2001-318566	11/16/01	Japan			Abstract
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